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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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### **NORTH DAKOTA**

**(North Dakota)** North Dakota could get break from spring flooding. National Weather Service officials said Thursday that the current weather pattern should give North Dakota residents a spring break from flooding, including Red River Valley homeowners who have prepared for major floods in four of the last five years. [http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/north-dakota-could-get-break-from-spring-flooding/article\\_fe0a26b0-9a7d-11e3-84da-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/north-dakota-could-get-break-from-spring-flooding/article_fe0a26b0-9a7d-11e3-84da-0019bb2963f4.html)

**(Cartwright)** N.D. pipeline rupture spews 75 barrels of crude. Tesoro Corp., announced that about 3,150 gallons of crude spilled after an excavator stuck an oil pipeline near Cartwright February 19. The company stated that the release of oil was stopped and approximately 70 barrels were recovered. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/02/20/oil-spill-nd-montana/5637655/>

**(North Dakota)** Water spills at oil well site. Officials with the North Dakota Health Department stated February 13 that Oasis Petroleum North America LLC reported that 690 barrels of freshwater spilled at an oil well site in Williams County, and all but 40 barrels were recovered. Authorities said that some water flowed into a nearby ditch and that test results will likely take a couple of weeks to ensure no chemicals were in the leaked water. [http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/water-spills-at-oil-well-site/article\\_2f015eb8-9502-11e3-9bf6-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/water-spills-at-oil-well-site/article_2f015eb8-9502-11e3-9bf6-0019bb2963f4.html)

**(North Dakota)** Workers removed from out-of-control well near Watford City. Water and oil blew a plume from a Whiting Petroleum oil well in Watford City February 13, prompting the evacuation of 15 workers. The company planned to use tank storage for well fluids and worked to get the well closed in. [http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/workers-removed-from-out-of-control-well-near-watford-city/article\\_64713724-9518-11e3-bd48-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/workers-removed-from-out-of-control-well-near-watford-city/article_64713724-9518-11e3-bd48-0019bb2963f4.html)

### **REGIONAL**

**(Montana)** Corette power plant shuts down after asbestos leak. The PPL Montana-owned J.E. Corette power plant in Billings will remain off-line until an onsite remediation and evaluation of repairs are completed after the company

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shut down the coal plant when a steam tube failed on the boiler and damaged asbestos-containing insulation February 3.

[http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/corette-power-plant-shuts-down-after-asbestos-leak/article\\_aa3c4217-9947-530f-88ee-fe0cb0569a9e.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/corette-power-plant-shuts-down-after-asbestos-leak/article_aa3c4217-9947-530f-88ee-fe0cb0569a9e.html)

**(North Dakota, Minnesota) Proposed 600-plus mile North Dakota, Minnesota oil pipeline draws concerns at hearing.** North Dakotans got their first shot Wednesday at swaying the state's Public Service Commission, which is reviewing Enbridge's application to build in North Dakota nearly 300 miles of its 612-mile pipeline. [http://www.twincities.com/nation/ci\\_25189975/proposed-600-plus-mile-north-dakota-minnesota-oil](http://www.twincities.com/nation/ci_25189975/proposed-600-plus-mile-north-dakota-minnesota-oil)

**(North Dakota, South Dakota) Leader: Propane crisis on Dakotas reservation eases due to warmer weather, less pricey fuel.** A propane crisis on the Standing Rock Reservation in the Dakotas is easing thanks to warmer weather and a drop in the price of the fuel, as well as federal assistance and a charitable donation, the tribe's leader said. <http://www.startribune.com/nation/245950931.html>

## NATIONAL

**(International) US businesses suffered 660,000 internal security breaches.** Researchers at IS Decisions found that in the last 12 months, over 660,000 internal security breaches took place in U.S. businesses, and only about 17 percent of information technology managers consider insider threats to be a top priority for their organization. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16379>

**(California) Plan to split California into 6 states advances:** California has grown so big, so inefficient, it's essentially ungovernable, according to a ballot initiative that could reach voters as early as November. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/02/20/california-state-division/5661143/>

**(National) Rail industry outlines safety changes to ease crude-by-rail concerns.** Railroads hauling crude oil will beef up inspections on their tracks and cut speeds to 40 mph while traveling through major metro areas – most trains already travel

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through the Fargo area at 35 mph – as part of a set of new industry-imposed changes outlined Friday. <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/427215/>

### INTERNATIONAL

**(International) Ukraine: President, opposition sign crisis deal.** President Viktor Yanukovych signed a deal with Ukraine's opposition leaders on Friday brokered to end the deadly violence that put the country on the brink of civil war.

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/101408461>

### BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Nothing Significant to Report

### CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

### COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

**(Illinois) Bar patrons refused drinks charged in \$700,000 Trump Tower flood.**

Three men were arrested and charged after allegedly turning on a water valve that released 250 gallons of water per minute into a stairway of the Trump Tower in Chicago February 15. Engineers shut off the valve and the building suffered \$700,000 in water damage. <http://www.suntimes.com/news/25677596-418/bar-patrons-refused-drinks-charged-in-700000-trump-tower-flood.html>

**(International) Hackers show they've stolen 828 Gb of data from systems of Las Vegas Sands.** Las Vegas Sands Corp., restored its casino Web sites after a security breach forced the company to shut down its online operations for several days. The hacker group, Anti WMB Team, published a video demonstrating that 828 gigabytes of files including budget information, IT department and network information, and user data was stolen during the breach.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Show-They-ve-Stolen-828-Gb-of-Data-from-Systems-of-Las-Vegas-Sands-427506.shtml>

### COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

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Nothing Significant to Report

## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Oklahoma) Vandals target emergency dispatch, cut service to communities.** Fire officials at three departments in McClain County used a backup system after vandals knocked out emergency service for hours when they cut a fence at the emergency communication station near Dibble February 17. The tower was expected to be fully operational by February 18.

<http://www.koco.com/news/oklahomanews/around-oklahoma/vandals-target-emergency-dispatch-cut-service-to-communities/24530550>

**(North Carolina) Shots fired into Mills River fire station.** The Mills River fire station suffered thousands of dollars' worth of damage after more than a dozen shots were fired into the Henderson County station February 9. No one was in the station during the incident, but the phone system and heating and air conditioning unit were all destroyed. <http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20140214/NEWS01/302140015/Shots-fired-into-Mills-River-fire-station>

## **ENERGY**

**(North Carolina) Toxins leaking from second pipe at N.C. coal ash dump.** The North Carolina Division of Water Resources ordered Duke Energy to stop the flow of contaminated water coming out of a pipe that runs under a coal ash dump at its Eden power plant February 18, after learning that the groundwater containing unsafe levels of arsenic is still pouring into the Dan River.

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<http://www.bdtonline.com/apnational/x1783679477/Toxins-leaking-from-second-pipe-at-N-C-coal-ash-dump>

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(California) School lunch meat supplier shut down by feds.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service suspended operations at a Central Valley Meat Co. slaughterhouse in California February 18 due to unsanitary conditions found during inspections. The company provides beef to the National School Lunch Program.

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/health/Central-Valley-Meat-Company-Hanford-Fresno-Unsanitary-Conditions-Beef-246141751.html>

**(International) Washington firm recalls dried egg products due to possible Salmonella contamination.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced February 15 that Nutriom LLC recalled approximately 226,710 pounds of processed egg products due to possible Salmonella contamination. The products were distributed to retailers and U.S. military installations nationwide and internationally. <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-015-2014-release>

### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(International) Cisco fixes flaws in several products.** Cisco Systems released security updates addressing serious vulnerabilities in a range of products including its Unified Computing System (UCS) Director, Intrusion Prevention System, Unified SIP Phone 3905, and Firewall Services module products. [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246466/Cisco fixes flaws in several products](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246466/Cisco_fixes_flaws_in_several_products)

**(International) New variant of Zeus banking trojan concealed in JPG images.** Researchers identified a new variant of the Zeus banking trojan, ZeusVM, that is

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concealed in a JPG image file to avoid detection by security software. The JPG image files contain the malware configuration files that are needed to launch man-in-the-middle and man-in-the-browser attacks and allow attackers to collect personal information and perform online transactions.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/new-variant-of-zeus-banking-trojan-concealed-in-jpg-images/article/334477/>

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**(National)** **Nursing homes are exposed to hacker attacks.** Two cybersecurity firms found a Web site containing documents that could allow hackers to potentially obtain electronic medical records and payment information from health care providers. Researchers believe the information was posted by individuals who gained access to SigmaCare software, designed by eHealth Solutions Inc., although the company is unaware of how the files were accessed. <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304899704579389171658671940>

**(Michigan)** **Theft at dental office leads to drug fraud investigation, larceny charge.** Police launched an investigation and charged two individuals in connection to drug fraud and stolen medication after responding to a reported break-in at a dental office in Antwerp Township February 11. An employee of the Paw Paw dental office allowed friends to enter after hours and the group stole credit cards, blank checks, a doctor's signature stamp, and a prescription pad. <http://fox17online.com/2014/02/14/theft-at-dental-office-leads-to-drug-fraud-investigation-larceny-charge/#axzz2tgZjIL3y>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**(New York)** **Ex-LIRR signalman fined for role in copper thefts.** A former Long Island Rail Road signalman was convicted and sentenced for his role in conspiring with co-workers in a copper theft scheme that netted more than \$253,000 from January 2010 to January 2013. The individuals would routinely collect old and new copper wire from job sites to sell for scrap. <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/ex-lirr-signalman-fined-for-role-in-copper-thefts-1.7119967>

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**(National) Exclusive: BNSF to move into tank car ownership with safer oil fleet.** BNSF Railway Co plans to move into tank car ownership and buy its own fleet of up to 5,000 new crude oil tank cars with safety features that exceed the latest industry standards. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/20/us-bnsf-crude-rail-idUSBREA1J1BE20140220>

## **WATER AND DAMS**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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